



# MONDAY Mentions

THINGS TO KNOW THIS WEEK



## 1. Welcome, Ash!

WVLS welcomes its newest staff member, Ashraf Ben Khalifa. “Ash” is the Technology Support Specialist, and his first day of employment was October 1. For two years, Ash worked for Best Buy’s Geek Squad, where he concentrated on IT installation. He also worked at Dr. Repair and Accessories as a computer and phone technician, as well as helping out with sales. Ash can be reached at 715-261-7254 or [abenkhalifa@wvls.org](mailto:abenkhalifa@wvls.org).

## 2. Adult Services Summit

Join us for the 2nd Annual WVLS Adult Services Summit, immediately following the November 7th V-Cat Council meeting, in the WVLS Meeting Room. We will talk about everything adult services. Kelly Raddatz, Outreach Librarian Minocqua Public Library, will describe how she became certified to lead the Strong Bodies program and fired up non-traditional programs with local businesses and new collaborations.

[Register here to attend and for a catered lunch](#)

## 3. 2020 Census

The 2020 Census matters. Accurate counts influence Federal funding, U.S. Congressional representation, and what we know about the communities we serve. It behooves all of us in Wisconsin’s public libraries to do what we can to help make sure our communities are counted. [Read more.](#)

## 4. Courier Reminders

- Use the WVLS email address, [courier@wvls.org](mailto:courier@wvls.org), if your library has an unexpected closure or schedule change. This address is monitored by several people at WVLS and is the best way to notify us.
- With magazines now circulating, it’s recommended that materials in the bins are packed from bottom to top - books, multi-media, magazines.

- Extra bins should also be requested using the email address, [courier@wvls.org](mailto:courier@wvls.org), and up to 5 can be requested at a time.

## **5. Wisconsin Author Project Winner Announced**

The Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) is proud to announce the winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Wisconsin Author Project, a contest recognizing the top self-published fiction in the state.

Out of 75 submissions from local Wisconsin authors in the genres of adult and young adult fiction, the 2019 winner is Ken Hansen, author of *The Light of Our Yesterdays*. *The Light of Our Yesterdays* can be read immediately by anyone statewide in the Indie Wisconsin collection, by visiting <https://library.biblioboard.com/> or downloading the BiblioBoard Library mobile app and searching for the title.

## **6. PLA Awards and Grants for 2020**

Through the generosity of its sponsors, PLA is proud to offer ten awards and grants for 2020. The PLA Awards are designed to highlight the best in public library service and programming and to honor those bringing innovation, creativity and dedication to public libraries. [Nominate yourself, a colleague, or your library today.](#)

## **7. Wisconsin Public Library Email List (repeat)**

There is a new, statewide email forum for public library staff, board, and Friends to exchange information.

Messages can be sent to: [wispublib@lists.wplclists.info](mailto:wispublib@lists.wplclists.info)

Subscribe or Unsubscribe or change your options to the Wisconsin Public Library Email List by using the form at: <http://lists.wplclists.info/listinfo.cgi/wispublib-wplclists.info>.

[See the WPLC website](#) for guidelines and protocol.